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**CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF
MULTIPLE FIREARMS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that TRACY A. FUSSNER, 32, of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 180 months imprisonment yesterday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to four counts of felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and the Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Spencer County Sheriff's Departments.

FUSSNER pleaded guilty to the four charges on September 30, 2004. According to facts presented in court during the guilty plea hearing, FUSSNER possessed four firearms during three days in August of 2003 after having been convicted of seven different felony

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offenses. Based on his record of multiple felony convictions, FUSSNER was sentenced as an armed career criminal, a provision of the United States Code that mandates a minimum mandatory sentence of fifteen years for repeat offenders.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed three years supervised release following FUSSNER's imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, FUSSNER must submit to narcotics testing and substance abuse treatment.

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